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Funds Will Expand Economic, Housing and Community Development Opportunities for Local Families

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) announced today that the City of Utica has received five grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) totaling \$4,861,496 to develop housing and economic opportunities, improve emergency homeless shelters, and expand the supply of decent housing to low- and very low-income families.

"Funding these critical community initiatives represents a great opportunity for the City of Utica to continue developing good, safe housing for all residents and economic programs to help those in need," **Arcuri said**, "Additionally, these grants will help Utica revitalize its neighborhoods, and provide the necessary economic boost to the city and improve job opportunities for its residents."

\$3,153,426 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). These grants provide adequate housing and a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities, primarily for low- and moderate-income people. Annual CDBG funds are distributed to communities according to formulas based on population, poverty, pre-1940s housing stock, growth lag and housing overcrowding.

\$127,657 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG). These grants provide homeless persons with basic shelter and essential supportive services. It can assist with the operational costs of the shelter facility, and can also provide short-term homeless prevention assistance to persons at imminent risk of losing their own housing due to eviction, foreclosure, or utility shutoffs.

\$937,638 HOME grant. These grants help expand the supply of decent, affordable housing to low- and very low-income families. These are the largest Federal block grant to State and local governments designed exclusively to fund housing programs that meet local needs and priorities. Each year it allocates approximately \$2 billion among the States and hundreds of

localities nationwide.

\$420,660 Rental Assistance for Non-Elderly Persons with Disabilities Housing Choice Voucher (RANE-HCV) grant. These grants provide incremental Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers for non-elderly disabled families served by Public Housing Authorities with demonstrated experience and resources for supportive services. Vouchers provided under this program will enable non-elderly families to access affordable housing.

\$222,115 Safety and Security Program (CDE) grant. These grants provide emergency capital needs including safety and security measures necessary to address crime and drug related activities as well as needs resulting from unforeseen or unpreventable emergencies and natural disasters.

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